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SUBJ: SAUDI AMBASSADOR ACCUSES US OF RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR DELAY IN ARMS DELIVERIES

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1. SUMMARY: WE HAVE UNFORTUNATELY BEEN ABLE TO DOCUMENT FACT THAT, TO EXPLAIN HIS OWN GOVERNMENT'S SLOWNESS IN GETTING NEEDED ARMS ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN AND DEFLECT YEMENI CRITICISMS, SAUDI AMBASSADOR SUDAIRY HAS BEEN SPREADING THE WORD THAT USG LACK OF SUPPORT IS RESPONSIBLE. END SUPPORT.

2. NEW GRANIAN AMB

SSADOR DR. HOSSEIN SABETI PAID COURTESY

CALL ON AMBASSADOR JUNE 26. IN EXTENSIVE TOUR D' HORIZON

AMBASSADOR SABETI

MENTIONED THAT DURING HIS INTRODUCTORY

MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER HAJRI, LATTER HAD MADE PLEA

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FOR IRANIAN MILITARY SUPPORT IN VIEW WHAT HE

CITED AS FAILURE OF SAUDIS AND AMERICANS COME THROUGH WITH EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE.

3. IN LATER CALL ON SAUDI AMBASSADOR SUDAIRY SABETI ASKED SUDAIRY FOR COMMENT ON HAJRI REMARK, POINTING OUT THAT IN GOI'S VIEW SAUDI ARABIA IS NORTH YEMEN'S NEAREST NEIGHBOR AND SHOULD HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. SUDAIRY REPLIED THAT SAG WISHED TO BE HELPFUL BUT USG UNWIGYZKNG PROVIDE SAG WITH REPLACEMENTS FOR ITEMS DELIVERED TO YEMEN. GIVEN USG POSITION, SAJ HAD SO FAR BEEN UNABLE HELP EFFECTIVELY AS IT COULD NOT RISK DENUDING ITSELF OF EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR POSSIBLE TWO-FRONT CONFRONTATION WITH IRAQ IN NORTH AND PDRY IN SOUTH. SABETI ASKED SUDAIRY IF HE COULD REPORT THIS TO TEHRAN. SUDAIYR URGED HIM DO SO AND SUGGESTED HE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT SHAH PRESS THE AMERICANS TO BE MORE HELPFUL.

4. SABETI SAID HE HAD REPORTED CONVERSATION WITH SUDAIRY TO TEHRAN IN FULL.

5. AMBASSADOR INFORMED AMBASSADOR SABETI OF GENERAL AND TRUE STATE OF PLAY AS REGARDS MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN THROUGH SAUDI ARABIA.

6. EVEN IN HIS SHORT STAY, IRANIAN AMBASSADOR HAS LEARNED FROM CONTACTS WITH YARG OFFICIALS THAT SAUDI AMBASSADOR WAGING CAMPAIGN TO DISPLACE PRESIDENT IRYANI AND REINTRODUCE FORMER PRIME MINISTER, COL. HASSAN AL-AMRI. GIVEN YEMENIS' PRIDE AND HISTORY OF DIFFICULT RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA, SABETI THOUGHT IT HIGHLY IMPROPER AND UNWISE FOR A SAUDI AMBASSADOR TO BE SO OPENLY LOBBYING FOR THE REMOVAL OF YAR PRESIDENT. AMBASSADOR AGREED, SAYING WE HAD BEEN DOING OUR BEST PERSUADE YARG TO LIVE WITH SUDAIRY IN CONSIDERATION OF DESASTROUS CONSEQUENCES TO SAG/ YARG COOPERATION WE TRYING TO FOSTER SHOULD YEMENIS CARRY THEIR DISPLEASURE TOP POINT OF REQUESTING SUDAIRY'S RECALL.

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7. SABETI SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM TEHRAN WERE TO HAVE CLOSEST, COMPLETELY OPEN RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS EMBASSY. IRAN WISHES PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ASSISTANCE TO YEMEN ALTHOUGH IT ANTICIPATES THIS WILL BE ESSENTIALLY IN ECONOMIC RATHER THAN MILITARY FIELD.  
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